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Some Important Happenings in the South

THAT MAY PLEASE OUR READERS

An Assortment of Newsy Events That Occurred in our Midst that Cannot Fail to Interest.

Will Northern California kindly lend us her Senator part of the time during the next two years?

California is not on the "Islands of the Blest," but on the mainland of the same kind of people.

'Tis said, "it never rains but it pours." It has rained, and perhaps the adage will prove to be true.

Kansas City is raising money for a free public bath. It's the only way that town can get to godliness.

The shortest route from Los Angeles to the Pacific ocean is, according to some authorities, in a vertical direction.

The man who cannot hear the grass grow, and business hum in Southern California from now on should consult an aurist at once. He is "as deaf as an adder."

A New Bank—The bank commissioners have issued a license for a new bank in Los Angeles, with a capital of \$500,000. It will be known as the Italian-American bank.

San Diego has received less rain during the recent rain period than almost any other section of California. Perhaps this is because the San Diegos are always quarreling about their water supply.

A man in San Diego county hanged himself on account of the drouth, and "the next day it rained." It is unfortunate that the gentleman could not have lived to learn that previousness is not a virtue.

In the death of Miss Anna S. C. Blake, Santa Barbara has lost a friend and public benefactor whose place is not likely soon to be filled. Her benefices will constitute a monument which will make her name one long to be remembered.

Since the blind pigs have been driven off the reserves at Pasadena, the desecrating denizens of that delightful city have been driven to the formation of stock companies for the purpose of conducting a cold-storage business—and patronizing the same.

It is not correct to say that the trouble involving the Methodist church and one of the candidates on the local reform ticket at Pomona is the result of mixing religion with politics. It is a case of mixing irreligion with politics.—Los Angeles Times.

Compulsory Vaccination—The school board of San Bernardino has issued instructions to the effect that all children who cannot show certificates of vaccination must remain away from school. The rule went into effect and the attendance has decreased 30 per cent as a result.

Paul de Longpre, the greatest of flower painters, has arrived in Los Angeles to make his home there and paint flowers. He will find a wealth of subjects, and a cordial welcome, and if he should by any rare chance run against one of those signs, "Don't touch the flowers," he need pay no attention to it.

On the principle of "any port in a storm," the ranchmen in Orange county have been feeding their horses and cattle celery culls, which they purchase at \$1 a ton, and the animals are said to thrive on them. The celery ought to quiet the nerves of the animals and the price those of the ranchmen.

The rain that has come seems to be encouraging the people of Southern California to proceed with the work of providing for a larger water supply rather than leading them to discontinue it. With good crops and good prices the cost of the work will be felt less than if the rain had not come.

Pomona College has received new reason for encouragement by the acceptance of a position on the board of trustees by Alfred K. Smiley of Redlands, who left the board some years ago because the institution was accumulating a debt too rapidly to meet with his ideas of proper financing.—Los Angeles Record.

The rains Southern California has had—and those which are yet promised—do not deter the intelligent residents from proceeding with water development. Ontario is one of the sections which is in line with this kind of work, a new water company with capital stock amounting to \$100,000 having just been organized there.

Veteran Arrested—John Bridges was arrested at Santa Monica on complaint of J. M. D. Warfield, charged with the theft of \$20, a watch and a

revolver. Both men are members of the Soldiers' Home and have been spending their recently received pensions for liquor among the saloons at Santa Monica. Bridges was very intoxicated when arrested.

The people of Southern California are not "rejoicing over the misfortune of the fruit-growers of Florida." They regret the calamity that has fallen upon them. It need not be denied, however, that California fruit-growers are pleased at the prospect of a greater demand and higher prices for their own fruit. There is nothing inconsistent or reprehensible in this.

The San Diego Sun remarks: "Los Angeles once made San Diego rain gold dollars into its lap after a railroad had been built—but this other rain business—well, it is quite different, and we 'dun-no about it.' Well, the rain came, and passed on down to San Diego county. San Diego profits when Los Angeles is benefited, and vice versa. We rejoice over San Diego's new Oriental steamship line.

San Diego may lack a sufficient supply of water, but it is not likely to suffer for want of water pipes. Twenty-five carloads of pipe purchased by the Southern California Mountain Water Company, with the expectation of using it for a distribution system in the city, is now stored in the company's material yard, and more is coming by rail to be put in the same place, all because the City Council refuses to let the company construct its proposed system.

The Long Beach Press touches on a great principle of social and economic philosophy when it says: "It is our opinion that Long Beach, in providing attractions for visitors to our city, should as far as possible make the attractions free." For real attractiveness there is nothing quite so attractive as free attractions. The Press's illustration, too, is pertinent. It says: "A case in point is our whale. It is a great sight to people who come here from the East, and almost any hour of any day there can be seen persons who are inspecting Jonah's life-preserver."—Los Angeles Record.

Harbor Celebration—The Pasadena committee of the Free Harbor Jubilee celebration met at the Board of Trade rooms at Pasadena and passed the following resolution: "Resolved, that it is the opinion of the Pasadena Free Harbor Jubilee Committee that the aggregate subscriptions to be collected from the citizens of Pasadena shall not exceed the sum of \$500, which amount shall be appropriated as follows: Three hundred dollars for the purpose of making a creditable display for Pasadena in the floral parade and \$200 to be paid to the treasurer of the jubilee fund in behalf of the celebration as a whole."

MORE JUBILEE INDORSEMENTS.

The Foreign Consuls Are Willing to Assist.

The Free Harbor Jubilee Committee at Los Angeles is in receipt of the following letter from the British vice-consul. The French, German, Mexican and Belgian consuls are included in the foreign committee:

George W. Pearsons, Secretary Free Harbor Jubilee—Dear Sir: A meeting of the consular officers constituting the committee of foreign representatives, was held at my office this afternoon, and after some consideration of the matter I was requested to write to you that the committee will be glad to do anything in its power in aid of the celebration. I am further requested to say that if the executive committee would like the presence of foreign men-of-war, that, upon request being addressed by you to each of the members of the committee, they will severally correspond with their several governments with a view to secure foreign vessels of war.

Faithfully yours,
C. WHITE MORTIMER.

FLOATED THE BONANZA.

Two Millions of British Capital Secured for the Klondike.

San Francisco—A special from Tacoma says that Alexander McDonald has arrived from London, where he and H. A. Ferguson of Tacoma successfully floated McDonald's Bonanza in the Klondike, with over \$2,000,000 capital. To this corporation they have transferred several claims which McDonald and Ferguson believe to be the richest gold placer ground in the Klondike, and probably in the world. They purchased one of them on Bonanza creek one year ago for \$125,000. Within one month they took out \$135,000 from a very small hole in the claim, which Ferguson says will produce at least \$5,000,000 before it is entirely worked out.

In informing the London syndicate McDonald and Ferguson have carried out a plan projected over a year ago of enlisting British capital to work their best Klondike holdings on a mammoth scale. To this end an immense hydraulic plant, consisting of six carloads of machinery, has been purchased and will arrive in Tacoma next week.

PACIFIC COAST NEWS

Important Information Gathered Around the Coast.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST

A Summary of Late Events That Are Boiled Down to Suit our Busy Readers.

California will figure as a lame duck in the next senate.

Sacramento has an anti-debris association which ought to be a mighty useful institution, considering the late legislature.

Fish Traps—The Pacific-American Steamship Fish company of Chicago acquired the fish traps of lower Puget Sound, when \$100,000 of stock, which the company has asked the men to subscribe, was taken.

A Sacramento paper referring to the rain, says: "The downpour is likely to keep up." That is just what has happened in Los Angeles during the last few days. The downpour has kept up instead of coming down.

If regular advertising rates were paid for all that has been said in the papers about the closing of the "gap" between Surf and Ellwood during the last few weeks that piece of work would be a mighty expensive job.

The Arizona Gazette says it would like to know why the railroads have advanced freight on hay to such outrageous rates. The answer is easy. It is undoubtedly because the railroads thought the traffic would bear such a raise.

San Francisco—The Coroner's jury in the case of J. R. Jones, who was run over and fatally injured by a buggy driven by Jules C. Gamage, rendered a verdict charging Gamage with involuntary manslaughter. The police have entered a charge of manslaughter against Gamage.

The body of "Bucky" O'Neill, who fell pierced by a Spanish bullet in Cuba, had not, at last accounts been found, nor will any monument to his memory erected with money appropriated by the recent legislature be found in Arizona. The bill to honor the dead hero was defeated.

The chaplain of the Arizona house, in his last prayer before the legislature adjourned, intimated that those present would never meet again, and some of the citizens apparently think the chaplain is correct, unless the members pay their own traveling expenses.

Newspapers in this state are forbidden to publish portraits or cartoons, or to speak ill of the dead, or publish information that tends to hurt the reputation of the living, unless impossible conditions are complied with. The next legislature needs only to go a step or two further to abolish newspapers entirely.

The Belgian King of the California and Oriental line on her return voyage will go direct to San Francisco, and it is more than probable that other succeeding steamers of the line will do likewise. President Butler of the company assures the people of San Diego, however, that the ships will come down to that city to see the folks, freight or no freight.

Cheap Dawson Rates—Rates to Dawson City have been cut in two by a combination including various Seattle and Skagway steamers, the White Pass and the Yukon railway, and the steamers on Lake Bennett and the Upper Yukon. Rates are announced as follows: Freight of all kinds, \$162 per ton; first-class passenger passage, \$100; second-class, \$80. The schedule time arranged is about eight days from Seattle to Dawson.

As an offset to the discouraging news that freight rates on hay from Arizona have been advanced, owners of horses and other stock can get encouragement from the report that comes from the hay growing regions nearer home. The Ventura Signal says: "The bottom is falling out of hay and high prices have got to come tumbling." A prominent hay man told the Signal that there was never before so much hay in prospect in Ventura county, and a few days ago a contract was made at Ventura for the delivery of forty tons of new hay at \$9 a ton. By and by, perhaps, others besides millionaires will be able to keep horses.

The telegraph recently announced the discovery of new methods of photography, by which colors may be reproduced, but it has strangely failed to note an equally astonishing discovery made a few days ago by an Alameda man. The Daily Encinal, however, was more observant, and it, therefore, has a "scoop" on the news. According to the Encinal's announcement, Harry R. Taylor has discovered how to make hens lay colored eggs. When Mr. Taylor went his rounds to

gather the wealth daily contributed to him by his hens, he was surprised a few days since to find the eggs to be of different and unusual hues. He was having his house painted at the time and he observed that the eggs corresponded in color to the different paints being used on the house, and which had been left where they were accessible to the hens. He then noticed that the beaks of the fowls were also painted. That settled it, the hens had eaten—or drunk—the paint, and Taylor was the hero of one of the greatest discoveries in modern science and just at a time, too, when it would be most available, a few weeks before Easter.

SEEKING HIGHER GROUND.

Afraid of the Mountain View Cemetery Reservoir at Oakland.

Oakland—The people that live along the lowlands and in the canyons of Cemetery Creek, running from Mountain View Cemetery in Piedmont into Oakland, are moving out of their houses and seeking higher grounds, for the alarm has been given that there is danger that the big new reservoir in Mountain View cemetery may give way any moment.

A leak was discovered in the dam and nothing saved the whole dam from going excepting prompt work and the fact that the rain ceased. Every effort is being made to avert the threatened disaster. If the dam should break away a wave many feet high will sweep down Cemetery Creek Canyon from Mountain View Cemetery into Lake Merritt, a distance of two miles and over 500 people residing along the route of the creek would suffer. Loss of life might not be averted and the property loss would be heavy.

Hereafter citizens of Arizona will know why they are called upon to pay a poll tax. It will be so enable them to register and vote at territorial elections. The late legislature fixed it that way.

DEWEY'S HEAD DIDN'T SWELL.

Wasn't Enlarged Any by the Victory of Manila.

Washington Post.

A friend of Dewey's recently joined the Admiral at Manila, and in the course of conversation made laughing allusion to the many articles named for him since May 1st. He writes that his recital pleased Dewey, and his bright eyes twinkled as he replied: "I did not imagine that little target practice before breakfast on the 1st of May would bring a new adjective into the language, but look here: I have a Dewey watch—and it's a number one watch, too—with a case made from the Maine." Then he continued: "One of the manufacturers who had named a hat after me wished to send me one, and wrote me asking what size I now wore." "And your reply?" I asked. "Oh, I told him the same size as I wore before May 1st."

It is not often the privilege of mortals to pass informal conversation with a live hero and get away carrying back to your private life the ideal that you cherished. Dewey is the typical, genial, natural American. He is a nervous, quick-witted man, who eschews publicity, and who puts on no "side" to awe and overwhelm his inferiors in rank and importance. One goes out of his presence carrying the memory of having known a man, the idol of 70,000,000 of people, without having been made to feel the insignificance of being one of those millions.

A LIVELY CORPSE.

Whisky Consigned to Alaska in a Coffin.

Seattle, Wash.—A coffin consigned to Unga, Alaska, by the steamer Excelsior attracted the attention of the customs officers while searching the cargo of that steamer last night, and they decided to investigate. It was consigned to an undertaker at Unga, and was marked for the body of an alleged corpse. The coffin was cheap and had been bought for that purpose.

In a very few months whisky-smuggling into Alaska will no longer exist, as a high license law goes into effect. The smugglers are getting in their last work, and some brand-new schemes have been launched.

HOMESEEKERS' LOW RATE IS A BIG THING.

St. Paul, Minn.—The homeseekers' half fare rate on the transcontinental lines went into effect today and the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern were compelled to double their facilities in order to handle the crowd. Not less than five thousand people took advantage of the low rates and the Great Northern sent out an extra train at noon, while the Northern Pacific was compelled to add a second section to its through trains. The railroad officials report that many of the travelers bought only one-way tickets, which is taken as an indication of an intention to locate permanently in the West.

MINES AND MINING.

The Isabella company of Colorado has just distributed its quarterly dividend of 6 cents a share, amounting to \$13,000. This is the largest single dividend ever declared by a Cripple Creek company.

Some Montreal capitalists have lately acquired a half interest in the gold properties belonging to the Bullion Gold Mining company of Rat Portage, Ont., which holds forty-six mining properties in the Lake of the Woods district.

A Spokane report says the famous Republic mine at Republic, Wash., has been bonded to a syndicate for \$4,000,000. Patrick Clark, principal owner of the mine, is in the east negotiating the matter, and it is believed that it will probably result in a sale.

The region around Johannesburg, South Africa, has produced gold to the amount of \$900,000,000; California has produced gold to the amount of \$1,310,000,000. In the former region there are now 5325 stamps in operation, crushing about 750,000 tons of ore per month.

Washington—Acting Secretary Meikeljohn has issued an order stating that gold having been discovered on the Anvik river and its tributaries within the limits of the military reservation of Fort St. Michael, Alaska, all mining claims in the region, in accordance with the mining laws and usages, are to be recognized by the military authorities in the reservation.

Tehachapi Times: The Toll Gate Canyon mines are booming and this storm will give them all the water they need to work with. The Tate & Buck mill is running day and night on good ore, of which they have a large amount in sight in the mine and on the dump. One who, years ago, traveled the rough trail of the old stage road could hardly believe he was on the right trail when he heard the tap-tap of the two-stamp mill and soon after came in sight of the lively little camp at Toll Gate.

Randsburg Miner: The Yellow Aster mill is running to its full capacity, crushing about 130 tons per day. The water supply is ample to keep the 30 stamps running all the time without pumping back near as much as could be done. The system of reservoirs is so well arranged that the water in the last one, where the pumping plant is located, is perfectly clear.

San Bernardino Transcript: Notice of mining location has been filed by John Singleton for the Yellow Aster Mining and Milling company, claiming five acres of ground, to be known as the Raven claim, and is held in connection with the Rand claim. The claim is described as follows: Commencing at the initial monument of the Nancy Hanks water claim, and easterly corner of the John Singleton water claim, running east; thence south to ground held by Curtis Water company to monument; thence west to corner of Skilling's reservoir claim; thence north to beginning.

THE COEUR D'ALENES.

Washington reports are that the shipments of ore and concentrates from the silver-lead mines of the Coeur d'Alenes aggregated during the year 1898, 112,500 tons. The shipments were, for the most part, concentrates, so that it would be fair to assume that the mines of that section yielded in 1898 about one-half million tons of ore. Speaking in connection with this the Spokesman-Review says: "The veins from which this ore was taken are in many respects the most remarkable mineral-bearing fissures of the world. The ledges are singularly strong and true, and the ore chutes have extraordinary length and breadth. We believe there is not an instance of a Coeur d'Alene ore chute failing to go down as far as it was explored."

STRUCK IT RICH.

Big Placer Find on a Creek Near Brainerd's Inlet.

Seattle, Wash.—Judge Dillon of Portland, Oregon, has reached here from the head of Brainerd's Inlet, on the southeastern Alaskan coast, with news of a big placer find on a creek in that vicinity. An old sea captain made the strike and in three hours took out three ounces of gold. This wonderful showing was made by working through less than a yard of placer gravel.

Brainerd's Inlet is half way between Fort Wrangel and Ketchikan. The district has long been known as rich quartz country, but the miners never thought of trying the gravel beds. Great excitement was occasioned at Ketchikan when Dillon and the captain arrived there. A stampede was under way when they took the steamer. Dillon says the stream is a long one, and that there room for a great many prospectors. He says that with such showings on the surface, the bed-rock gravel must be wonderfully rich. The creek is undoubtedly in American territory.